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Title: METHOD FOR CARRYING OUT NONDESTRUCTIVE TESTING OF  
ALLOYS, WHICH CONTAIN CARBIDES OR WHICH ARE SULFIDED  
NEAR THE SURFACE, AND FOR PRODUCING A GAS TURBINE BLADE

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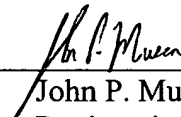
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